### AGE-HERALD ELECTION RETURNS FLASHED ON CANVAS AS USUAL MONDAY

### THIRD AVENUE FIRE CAUSES LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$200,000

### FIGHT TO OVERTURN BANK COMMITTEE'S **DECISION PLANNED**

Redistricting of Country for Regional Reserve Banks Will Be Urged

#### BITTER ATTACK ON COMMITTEE'S ACTION

Weeks Charges Committeemen Were \$75,000. Biased in Selections Reserve Board May Review Action and Make Changes

cement of the reserve districts part of several cities which were disspecial to overturn the committee's decision and bring about a redistricting of the causery, or at least a change in the reserve cities named.

The efforts of the firemen proved vain as with a particularly disastrous explosion the walls of the building of the Acme company fell east and west and crashed into the roofs of the adolning buildings.

But for this calamity, stated Chief Bennett, the fire would have been easily content to the provided in Acme Building.

Under the law the decision of the to review except by the federal reserve board. This board probably will bend every effort toward paving the tonight that both Secretary of the Was turned in at 12:15 o'clock, and ture company was badly damaged by fire Treasury McAdoo and Comptroller of Companies 3, 5 and 7 responded. With the Currency Williams of the organ-seven fire companies and four steamthe Currency Williams of the organ- seven fire companies and four steamization committee are ex officio members of the reserve board and hardly

several cities which were in the race for the reserve banks and which failed to secure them. Three members of the adjacent buildings occupied by the mittee, two republicans and a democrat, found fault with the plan. Senator Weeks of Massachusetts, who opposed the law vigorously for many months but who finally voted for it pointed out that one bank was located Georgia, the home state of Mr. Mc-Adoo; one in Virginia, the home state of Mr. Williams, and two in Missouri, the home state of Secretary Houston, the third member of the committee. questioned the propriety of these selections and made other criticisms of the committee's action.

Senator Burton disapproved the inclusion of Pittsburg in the district of which Cleveland is the reserve center and declared that it would be impossible to make trade turn westward from Pittsburg to that city. Senator Hitchcock pointed to the fact that Omaha had been included in the Kausas City district, instead of the Chicaga dis-trict and said trade did not flow that

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Defenders of the committee said tonight that there was no justification
for the charge that it was influenced
by any consideration other than the
trend of trade, and the banking advantages of cities chosen. In referring
to the choice of Richmond, it was said
that although comment was expected
because of the fact the city is the
home of Mr. Williams, the committee
was unanimous and Richmond would
have been named over Baltimore and
Washington if he had not been a
member.

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So far no definite plans for any fight against the committee have been aired here and there is practically no way for such a fight to be undertaken except through the reserve board. It was suggested tonight, however, that members of Congress might undertake to provide banks for their districts by having the number of authorized renumber of authorized re-

# **GUNMEN REPRIEVE**

Believed Stay of Execution Until After Becker Trial Will Be Ordered

Charles Becker, who, with the gunmen, was found guilty of the murder
of Herman Rosenthal. District Attorney Whitman has said he intends to
try Becker a second time as soon as
possible, but it generally is believed
his case cannot be completed before
from three to six months hence.

The governor today declined to discuss the case, but the information that
he now fayors reprisve came from an
authoritative source. Every chance
should be given the prisoners, the governor believes, to produce new evidence
at the Becker trial which will tend to
prove their innocence. Their attorneys
have said such sydence will be produced.

Flames Originate In Acme White Lead and Color Works and Spread To Adjoining Buildings-Firemen Handicapped By The Inflammable Materials.

Fire of unknown origin broke out in the heart of the business district at 11:59 o'clock last night and caused an esti mated property loss of approximately \$200,000. At 2 o'clock this morning Fire Chief A. V. Bennett announced that the fire was under control. Four business ho were practi cally destroyed.

The loss, it is estimated, is apportion as follows: Acme White Lead & Color works,

Alabama Paint & Glass company book and fixtures, \$50,000.

Robert Strickland Furnitare com , stock and fixtures \$25,000.

It is stated that the damage to C. D. Hauger Clothing company on the adjacent buildings will bring the total ture company on the east. a determined struggle upon the from fire and water to approximately

Originated in Acme Building The fire originated on the ground its origin. floor of the Acme White Lead and Color works, 2015 Third avenue. It efforts. After an hour or more of pouring was discovered by W. T. Camp, a special watchman, and the alarm was Chief Bennett announced that it was the committee's announcement will immediately responded, and Chief the committee's announcement will immediately responded, and Chief the local lifetime loc is believed that those disappointed with turned in. Companies 1, 2, 4 and 6 der control. It had been the hardest fight the local firemen had had for over a way for changes. It was pointed out fire gaining headway, a second alarm tonight that both Secretary of the was turned in at 12:15 o'clock, and

were directed on the flames. could be counted upon to reverse them, selves. The President has given no intimation as to who the other five members will be.

Plan Criticized

The committee's plan was criticized and paint oils from within. It was in Congress today and there were reports of keen disappointment from several cities which were in the race for the reserve banks and which falled to flooding the paint works and protecting

C. D. Hauger Clothing Co., stock and fixtures, \$25,000. Office Outfitters company stock and fixtures, \$10,000.

Walls Fall Outward

seven fire companies and four steamers pumping water, eight streams of which fell in.

## TAMPICO PROBABLY JUAREZ CALM AFTER WILL BE ABANDONED CELEBRATION OVER BY FEDERAL TROOPS VICTORY OF TORREON

Admiral Fletcher Predicts Rebels Will Win Bloodless Victory—Report Causes Considerable Interest

Washington, April 3.-Following closely on official advices today from George C. Carothers, American consular agent at Torreon, of the flight of the federal troops from that city, came a prediction from Rear Admiral Fletcher that the important gulf port of Tampico probably would be abandoned by the federals without a fight.

Administration officials made no comsentiment is not likely to crystallize until more is known of the battle itself and its effects in Mexico City and elsewhere Mr. Carothers' report of the fall of Tor-Mr. Carothers' report of the fall of Torreon lacked detail, particularly with reference to losses sustained on both sides
and the movements of the retreating federals. The absence of any news from
the federal reinforcements under Generals Mass and Moure led to much speculation among army staff officers, and to
a suggestion that perhaps General Velasco
had planned on retiring from Torreon to
effect a junction with these forces to the
castward and make the town untenable
for Villa by threatening his line of comfor Villa by threatening his line of com-munication with the north. The general opinion, however, was that neither army is in condition for anything like anothe

Report of Interest

Admiral Fletcher's report was received with keen interest. For many months the constitutionalists have been besigning Tampico. Their first attempt was conducted by General Aguilar, but in that case and in many others that followed the rebels were kept outside of the town limits by the fire of the federal gunboats.

Will Be Ordered

Albany. N. Y.. April 3.—Unless Governor Glynn changes his mind between now and April 7, a reprieve for the four New York gunmen, under sentence to die in Sing Sing during the week beginning April 13, will be granted that day.

If granted, the stay of execution will be until after the second trial of Charles Becker, who, with the gunmen, was found guilty of the murder

Planning Attack

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Admiral Fletcher reported that the constitutionalists now have cutposts within five miles of Tampico and said the commanding officer at Laguna Puerto plans to attack the town as soon as 1000 troops arrive under General Castro, who is working toward the coast on the San Luis railroad. At Laguna Puerto there are 1000 well mounted constitutionalists, according to the admiral, and the constitutionalists' lines are said to extend cast to the coast from Canalote on the Tamesi river. The admiral estimates the federal

Villa's Victory Chief Subject of Conversation in City. Resorts and Gambling Houses Crowded

Juarez, Mex., April 3 .- General Villa left Torreon late today to take charge of his troops at San Pedro, where they are reported to have brought on an engagement with the federals who evacuted Torreon vesterday.

This information was given out officially tonight and it was added that the rebels were attempting an enment on the Torreon result and official veloping movement. It was said that

Juarez, April 3.-After the hysterical out-Torreon last night this city was preternaturally calm today. It was the calm has been little less than a fever for the last week. General villa, perhaps taking a long-deferred slesta himself, added nothing to his brief bulletin of last night except that he promised that if convenient he would report more fully tonight.

Greatest interest centers in definite information as to the number of prisoners taken by the rebels. Villa last night said the federal losses were 12,00 dead, wounded and prisoners, and it was assumed he meant that most of these were prisoners. The report indicated a rout of

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#### TODAY'S AGE-HERALD

1-Fight to overturn bank committee's action. Two hundred thousand dollar fire sweeps Birmingham.
Tampico probably will be abandoned.
Prepare for final tolls clash.
Burns says Frank will not hang.
2—Washington in excitement over tolls controversy.
3—More favorable attitude toward new

rates.
4 Editorial comment.
5 Hobson followers blame Underwood for losing bank.
Applacation blanks run out while registering goes on.
Citizens seem to share Kettig's opinion.
Morning medley of day's doings.
6 Society.
7 Sports.

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Tolls issue will cut fight in elections.

Monroe doctrine alive as ever, say
critics.

### WE CAN STILL BE FRIENDS



Republican Senators Lining Up Against Administration-Wilson Leaders Won't Compromise

ing consideration of the repeal bill and proposed compromises by the committee on inter-oceanic canals next week. Leadfor the final clash of the great legislative announced that Senators Bristow, Cum-

the under current developments of the gressive, would maintain the same attiday. One was the concerted effort being tude. made by republican senators to unite against the President's repeal policy on there was much speculation as to the Mr. the ground of political expediency, and effect it would have on future executive the other was the reinforced determina- cossions. The general opinion was that tion of administration leaders to yield to no compromise on the House bill pro-

there is a general tendency to line up against the President. Democratic sena-tors who are championing the President's cause assert that they welcome this movment, confident that it can have no other effect than to solidify the democrats and aid in assuring success for the administraaid in assuring success for the administra-tion. These democrats, while admitting that five of their number cannot be in-duced to abandon their opposition to the bill, insist that there is every indication that all other majority senators eventu-ally will support the bill. They also are assured of support for the measure by some of the republican senators, despite the effort of some of the minority to unite against the President.

against the President. Such republicans as Senator Root, Lodge, Burton and McCumber are counted upon as unalterably opposed to toll ex-emption for American ships, and with these votes the administration leaders retain their confidence that nothing can the sealer Newfoundland lost their of dollars, by rejecting a motion invit-prevent ultimate victory for he rebeal lives. The number of the Newfoundbill. A republican senator who will vote against the repeal bill said today that he was confident that the administration

A bill authorizing the President to contract with American registered steamships and steamship lines using the Panama canal was introduced by Representative Edmonds of Pennsylvania. Under its tolls on American ships would be remitted for a period of 10 years the amount of such tolls, to be playablye out of the treasury every six months, and the American ships would be required to carry mails of all kinds without charge to the government.

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"All agreements made with other parties and lines, including railroad lines,"
the bill provides, "shall be approved by
the department of commerce, and all
freight rates shall be posted with and
subject to revision by the proper authorities."

These ships or lines would not be prohibited from prorating with all railroads
on an equitable basis, but would be required to agree that in national emergencies they would be held at federal disposal to agree to give preference to goods
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Toils would be charged against any part of cargoes not originating in the United States or originating in South America and consigned to the United States.

### SENATORS REVOLT AGAINST SECRECY

Confirmation of Daniels' Appointment Behind Closed Doors Causes Nine Senators to Head Movement Against Such Sessions-LaFollette Leads Move-

ment—Creates a Sensation

the Senate, headed by Senator LaFollette, the mins, Clapp, Kenyon, Norris, Jones and Grenna, republicans, and Poindexter, pro-

The revolt created a sensation, and

rmation of Commissioner Daniels

ing the support of President Wilson's well known desire that his appointee and

ers on both sides of the fight continued and discuss publicly legislation not after activities today, however, preparing feeting foreign relations, and later it was the New Jersey public service commissions. sion, of which he was chairman, would make him dangerous as a member of the interstate commerce commission, at a time when the commission at a interstate commerce commission, at a time when the commission was fixing a later than the commission was fixing a later than the commission was fixing a later than the commission was fixed at later than the commerce commission, at a later than the commerce commission was fixed at later than the commission was fixed at valuation on railroad property.

Senator Hughes of New Jersey, called it will be given out.

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### Republicans Line Up Among republican senators, who have been classified as doubtful with regard to their intentions concerning the repeal, there is a general tendency to line up against the Provided in the Provided Pro LOST IN BLIZZARD PROBE CONCLUDED

May Be Added to That of Sealer Newfoundland

St. Johns, N. F., April 3 .- As the

of Tuesday's blizzard in which men of with defrauding the public of millions land's dead was placed definitely at 77 late today with the further possihe was confident that the administration had the votes to carry the repeal and nothing gould change the situation.

Bill Introduced

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Cross was last seen Tuesday morning, a few hours before the three days'

bilizzard set in.

Although the vessels of the so-called Wooden Walled sealing fleet, of which the Southern Cross was one, have bucked ice fields with impunity and

Crew of Southern Cross Reject Motion to Institute Criminal Proceedings Against Caillaux

Paris, April 3.-The Chamber of Depu hours went, by tonight without word ties tonight concluded its investigation from the sealing steamer Southern into the alleged connection of ministers Cross fear grew that her crew of 170 with the postponement of the trial of men had been added to the loss of life Henri Rochett, the Frenchman charged proceedings against former Premiers Era-est Monis and Joseph Caillaux for having

> The chamber, however, adopted a mo-tion to the effect, that the chamber, hav-ing noted the findings of the committee investigating the case, condemned the interference of financial interests in poli-tics and of politicians in the domain of justice and saw the need for a law mak-ing the combination of legislative and ing the combination of legislative and

business interests incompatible.

The debate lasted through the afternoon and well into night. The house was diers had to assist the ushers in keeping

the passage clear.

Premier Doumergue and former Premiers Briand and Barthou again narrated their connection with the case. There were numerous sharp exchanges between dentities and except a light the connection of the case. deputies and occasionally the uproar was so great that Paul Deschanel, president of the chamber, had to threaten to ad-journ the session.

M. Donmergue and Deputy Bonnefous engaged in a violent verbal altercation as a result of which Bonnefous declared he would challenge the premier to a duel, it is understood, however, that friends succeeded in smothing over the difficulty. The chamber adjourned until June 1.

the Newfoundland disaster include the A wireless from the Reliaventure at names of two boys, 14 years old, who midnight said she probably would reach the earliere about 5 o'clock tomorrow morains. She reported that she had 39 Newfoundand disaster include he were about 5 o'clock tomorrow morains. She reported that she had 39 Newfoundand disaster include he were about 5 o'clock tomorrow morains. She reported that she had 39 Newfoundand disaster include he had he went about the vessel at this port as stowaways, lured by the excitement of the seal hunts. Most of the dead were residents of Bonavista bay, the home of the Newfoundland's captain. Nearly all were heads of families.

# HANG ON APRIL 17 SAYS WM. J. BURNS

Noted Detective Tells of Investigation of Atlanta Murder Mystery

REFUSES TO PLACE THE GUILTY PARTY

All Will Be Known in a Few Days, Declares Detective, Intimating Condemned Man Is

sas City, related the story of his investi gation. He said his attention first had his regret that Burn's had not become

At First Refused

At first, Burns said, he refused on the tround that if Frank were guilty his evestigation and final conclusion to that affect could only hurt the defendant. while if the investigation tended to throw doubt of guilt on him, it might serve to thwart justice. Frank's friends declared that they believed he had not been given a fair trial, that he was innecent of the crime, but that if guilty they wanted incisputable evidence of his guilt.

Burns then took the case. His investi-gations soon showed inm, he said, first that public clamor, after a "crime wave," had resulted in the police making ex-traordinary efforts to adduce "evidence tending to convict Frank," and second. that a report making out Frank a Confirmation of Commissioner Daniels of abnormal characteristics was common-closed a three days' fight, marked by one of the bitterest debates heard at the capitol in years. Both sides contested of cereminedity, Mr. Daniels' advocates having the support of President Wilson's the other hand, the testimony of phy-

Interviewed Witnesses

the conclusion of this phase of his investigation he said he was convinced that

There was no mystery about the mur

back from a congressional fight in his state, spoke at length in support of therefore, I cannot say more definitely Mr. Daniels, and was joined by Senators Newlands, chairman of the interstate tain. The murderer of Mary Phagan is in. The murderer of Mary Phagan is nown to me and he can't get away. "I will say that in any opinion Frank will not hang on April 17 for the murder of Mary Phagan. I believe the supreme court cannot ignore the evidence we have

Hearing of an extraordinary motion for new trial in Frank's case is set for pril 16, the day preceening that on which rank is sentenced to die. Frank was superintendent of a pencil

factory in Atlanta. On April 27, 1913, Mary Phagan, employed in the factory, was found dead in the pasement of the plant. Frank was accused of the erima, arrested and convicted mainly on the tes-

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#### SUNDAY'S AGE-HERALD

writers in tomorrow's Age-Herald will be the following:
Doily Dairymple writes, "The Tangomania Bug Has Bitten the World and His Wife."
Flora Milner Harrison takes as her

subject, "Alabama Educational Associa-tion Here Next Wednesday; Many Premi-inent Educators to Speak." Marion Harland writes on "More About

Bill Vines writes, "In Anticipation of Tomorrow's Election."

Frank G. Carpenter has a descriptive article entitled, "Tobogganing Down the Andes."
Thomas Furlong in his true detective

series writes of "The Ruse That Failed. James Morgan in his series, "In the Path of Napoleon 100 Years After His Downfall," has an interesting sketch entitled, "Napoleon the Man-Josephine the

Winthrop D. Lane writes, "The Four C. F. Markell writes of "The Land of A classic in a page is "The Busy Body," by Susannah Centivre.

Harold McGrath presents chapter XIV of "The Adventures of Kathlyn." On the editorial feature page will be the

following:
In the "By-Paths of History" series,
Dr. B. F. Riley gives an interesting biographical sketch of "King Alfred."
Dr. W. E. Evans writes under the head,
"Let It Be Blowed." Dr. George Eaves writes regarding Starvation."
"Heart to Heart Talks," are by Charles

Hustrated articles from foreign capi-

Histrates articles from foreign capitals will include:

Berlin: "Albert Ballin, a Great German," by S. Scope.

London, "London to Have Up-to-Data Ambulance at Last," by John S. Steele.

London, "Titled English Women Loop the Loop in Aeroplanes," by Charles Og-